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### **BLM CONSIDERS RIGHT-OF-WAY APPLICATIONS**

DILLON (December 15, 2004) – The Bureau of Land Management’s Dillon Field Office is inviting public comment on two right-of-way applications to provide access to privately owned properties. To be considered in the environmental analysis, comments should be submitted by January 17, 2005 to the BLM, 1005 Selway Drive, Dillon, MT 59725.

The first application proposes construction and maintenance of a new, single-lane, unsurfaced road across BLM lands above Wisconsin Creek, approximately 4.5 miles northeast of Sheridan. The proposed road exits the Wisconsin Creek County Road and crosses Wisconsin Creek on an existing bridge on private land. The proposed road would be built to the west across approximately 1,100 feet of BLM land to access the property of the applicant. The applicant proposes to bury and maintain both a power and telephone line in the proposed roadway. The road and utilities would provide year-round service to a home the applicant intends to build on his property in the Booth Creek drainage. The applicant is pursuing access across public lands because legal access over private lands along the existing road up Booth Creek drainage has been denied.

A second right-of-way application proposes construction and maintenance of a 475-foot, single-lane unsurfaced road on BLM lands on the north end of the Gravelly Range about 5.5 miles southeast of Virginia City. The proposed road would be used to access the southeastern portion of the applicant’s ranch – a portion the applicant is in the process of selling as a single parcel or up to as many as five separate parcels of 160 acres or larger. The proposed road would connect the Axolotl Lakes County Road with the applicant’s private property just to the north of this county road.

An environmental assessment (EA) will be prepared for each of these proposals over the next several months. For maps or more information, please contact Jeff Daugherty at (406) 683-8038, at the BLM Dillon Field Office.